

REMARKS

The Attorney for Applicants' Assignee wishes to thank the Examiner for the thorough examination that was performed for this application. This will strengthen any patent that may be allowed from this application.

Claim 2 and claims 11 through 15 have been cancelled by this amendment. Claims 16 through 19 have been added. Thus, claims 1, 3-10 and 16-19 remain in this application.

The Examiner objected to the title. A new and more descriptive title has been set forth on page 3 of this amendment.

The Examiner objected to the disclosure because of informalities on page 13. These informalities have been corrected as suggested by the Examiner and the corrected version is seen in clean copy format on page 4 of this amendment.

The Examiner objected to claims 1, 4 and 9. These objections have been addressed in the amendments to these claims by inserting the corrections suggested by the Examiner. These amendments are discussed below.

All amended and new claims are set forth in clean copy form on the pages indicated above. A marked version of the amended claims, and of the new title, and of the amendment to page 13 of the specification, are set forth in Addendum 1.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(e)

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 5, 6, 10-12, and 15 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Mori. Claims 11 and 12 have been cancelled and the remaining claims of this group have been amended to overcome this rejection.

Claim 1 has been amended to further define the switching step. This switching step has been more closely defined to require that the portion of the memory that is reserved is "other

than the CD-ROM disk.” For example, lines 8-10 on page 13 of the specification describe an embodiment in which the address is saved in a reserved portion of the memory “such as RAM.” Thus, the CD-ROM or the VCD-ROM is not the memory that is reserved. In the Mori, et al reference, however, the memory 100 is the CD disk itself, which is contrary to the teaching of Applicant’s invention as now claimed. Therefore, claim 1 is now believed to define over the Mori, et al reference.

Claim 5, now depending from amended claim 1 is also believed to define patentably over the Mori, et al reference.

Claim 6, like claim 1, has been amended to define the memory unit as “other than the CD-ROM disk” and, for the same reasons as claim 1, is believed to define patentably over the Mori, et al reference.

Claim 10, now depending from amended claim 6, is also believed to define patentably over the Mori, et al reference.

Claims 11, 12 and 15 have been cancelled.

New claims 16 through 19 have been added. Claim 16 is similar to cancelled claim 11 but more closely defines the switching means to require that the portion of the memory that is reserved is “other than the CD-ROM disk.” In the Mori, et al reference, the memory 100 is the CD disk itself, which is substantially different from Applicant’s invention. Claim 16 is now believed to define patentably over the Mori, et al reference.

Claims 17, 18 and 19 are similar to cancelled claims 12, 14 and 15. Claim 17, depending from claim 16 and further including the reading and loading means, is believed to distinguish patentably over the Mori, et al reference. Claims 18 and 19, depending from Claim 17, are also believed to so distinguish.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103

Claims 2-4, 7-9, and 13-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over the Mori, et al patent of record. Claims 2, 13 and 14 have been cancelled. Claims 3, 4 and 7-9 have been amended. New claims 16-19 have been added.

The claims remaining in this application that have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), and also the newly added claims 16-19, all require that the memory unit be "other than the CD-ROM disk" for the reasons explained above. As discussed above, the memory 100 of the Mori, et al reference is the CD disk itself. There is no teaching or suggestion in Mori, et al to use other than the CD disk. The only teaching for this is the teaching of Applicants' invention. Therefore the above claims are believed to be patentable over the prior art.

Applicant has studied the additional prior art of record that has not been applied but it does not appear that the invention as now defined in the claims remaining in the application are either taught or suggested.

CONCLUSION

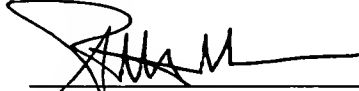
No reference or combination of the references discloses or suggests the claimed invention. Accordingly, the pending claims are believed to be properly allowable to the Applicants and the Attorney for Applicants respectfully solicits passage of this application to issue. If any issues remain unresolved despite the present amendment, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicants' Assignee's Attorney at the telephone number shown below to arrange for an interview before issuing another office action.

Any fee due for this Amendment may be charged to Deposit Account No. 07-1896.

Respectfully submitted,

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ADDENDUM 1

MARKED VERSION OF CHANGES

Marked Version of the New Title

**STANDALONE VIDEO CD-ROM SWITCHING METHOD AND SYSTEM METHOD
AND SYSTEM FOR SWITCHING BETWEEN BROWSER AND VIDEO MODES
WHILE SAVING THE RETURN ADDRESS OF THE BROWSER MODE AND THE
ADDRESS OF THE VIDEO IN LOCAL MEMORY**

Marked Version of changed paragraph on page 13 of the specification

Then in step 604, the present invention plays the selected video. When the selected video is finished playing, the present invention returns to the original browser mode page by loading the return file corresponding to the return filename and its directory as stored in the VCD-ROM disk in step ~~506~~ 606. Since the filename of the original browser mode page and its associated directory were saved in a reserved portion of the memory, the original browser mode (i.e., browser page) is restored. The process then terminates in step ~~508~~ 608.

1. Amended. A method for switching between browser mode and video mode in a standalone CD-ROM system. ~~The method~~ for playing a CD-ROM disk, comprising the steps of:

selecting, within the browser mode, a video for playback;

switching from the browser mode to a video mode;

playing the selected video in the video mode; and

returning to the browser mode to enable the user to resume browsing the content of the CD-ROM disk,

wherein the switching step further comprises the steps of:

reserving a portion of a memory other than the CD-ROM disk;

storing a return address in the reserved portion of the memory; and

storing the starting and ending addresses of the video in the reserved portion of the memory.

3. Amended. The method as recited in Claim 1 wherein the video CD-ROM system ~~ROM system~~ ROM system plays the video from the starting address to the ending address.

6. Amended. A method for switching between browser and video modes in a standalone video CD-ROM system for playing a CD-ROM disk, the method comprising the steps of:

loading data segment of a browser program into a memory unit ~~to enable~~ other than the CD-ROM disk to enable a user to browse the content of ~~a the~~ the CD-ROM disk in the browser mode;

selecting a video to play within the browser mode;

switching from the browser mode to the video mode;

playing the selected video in the video mode; and

returning to the browser mode to enable the user to resume browsing the content of the CD-ROM disk.

7. Amended. The method as recited in Claim 6 wherein the switching step further comprises the steps of:

reserving a portion of a the memory unit;

storing a return address in the reserved portion of the memory unit; and

storing the starting and ending addresses of the video in the reserved portion of the memory unit.